

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Tokimori TOMITA et al.

Prior Application
Group Art Unit: 2411

Prior Application
Serial No.: 08/187,543

Prior Application
Examiner: J. Thomas

Filed: May 29, 1997

For: SERVICE POINT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR USE IN SALES
PROMOTION SERVICES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a continuation application of prior application U.S. Serial No. 08/187,543. A File Wrapper Continuation (FWC) Application is filed concurrently herewith, along with a Petition for an Extension of Time into the third month past the due date for responding to the Final Office Action mailed November 29, 1996 in the prior application, thereby extending the due date to May 29, 1997. Therefore, the FWC is timely filed by May 29, 1997.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A point management system employing a computer for managing points issued to each customer who receives service according to the issued points, comprising:

point issue means for issuing the points to the customer according to transactions performed by the customer;